REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2008, Applicants propose to amend their application and request reconsideration in view of the proposed Amendment and following remarks.

The Examiner stated that, with respect to the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 7, 2007, the copies of the non-patent documents C3, C4, and C5 were not received and therefore cannot be considered. A review of the PAIR system shows that this statement is untrue. All three non-patent publications appear within the image file wrapper, one of the publications inadvertently appearing twice within the image file wrapper. For the assistance of the Examiner in locating these publications, attached is a printed part of the image file wrapper with the three publications marked to show their location within the image file wrapper. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner review the image file wrapper and, in the next communication, supply an initialed PTO-1449 Form to indicate consideration of the three non-patent publications.

Although many of the presented claims were rejected over prior art, the Examiner stated that claims 3, 4, and 13-16 were allowable, subject to being rewritten in independent form. In this Amendment, those claims are each rewritten in independent form, retaining their original claim numbers. In addition, claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 12, and 22 are proposed to be newly cancelled.

Finally, in this Amendment claim 17, an independent claim, is amended to contain the limitations of claim 13, a claim indicated to be allowable. Therefore, Applicants submit that amended claim 17, like independent claim 13, is allowable as are the claims that depend from claim 17, namely claims 18-21.

Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, only claims 3, 4, and 13-21 will be pending. Since those claims have been directly or indirectly indicated to be allowable, this Amendment places the application in form for allowance. Accordingly, entry of

the Amendment and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are appropriate and earnestly solicited.

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